



**DOG DAYS OF SUMMER:  
LIVING A LIFE OF PRAISE  
July 14, 2024  
Ephesians 1:3-14**

What things do you most often \_\_\_\_\_ God for?

Not all blessings are created \_\_\_\_\_.

**Reasons Paul had (and we have) to praise God:**

- We have been \_\_\_\_\_ into God's family!
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ so we could become his brothers & sisters!
- The Holy Spirit comforts, leads & \_\_\_\_\_ us!
- The Holy Spirit guarantees our \_\_\_\_\_!

*Our world needs to \_\_\_\_\_ God's people praising Him!*

**What happens when we choose to praise God?**

- Our relationship with God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's a great way to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Praise makes both *God* and *us* \_\_\_\_\_!

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION**

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-14. What words or phrases stand out you you in this passage?
2. Why do you think Paul wrote so much about praising God?
3. Of the reasons Paul gives for praising God – adoption into God's family, forgiveness of sins, receiving the Holy Spirit, awaiting an inheritance in heaven – which one makes you happiest?
4. Pastor Mark said, "Our world desperately needs to see God's people praising him." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?